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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0358

NAIROBI FOR RCO, MONROVIA FOR ATO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFAC, SO, PINR

SUBJECT: SKYLINK INSTALLATION

REF: STATE 045637

1. WE APPRECIATE THE DEPT'S COMMENTS ON SKYLINK AND ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE READY FOR SHIPMENT IN MARCH.
 2. THE SHIPPING INFORMATION IN REFERENCE, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO BE OUT OF DATE. NEITHER COMMERCIAL AIR NOR SHIPMENT TO NAIROBI AND ONWARD TRANSPORTATION BY TRUCK ARE FEASIBLE.
 3. FYI, THE CARO CARRIER "CARGOLUX", BASED IN LUXEMBURG OPERATES NON-SCHEDULED BUT FREQUENT CARGO SERVICE FROM LUXEMBURG TO MOGADISCIO WITH A DC-8 CARGO AIRCRAFT (IE WITH LARGE CARGO DOOR). ALTHOUGH CARGOLUX DEPARTS FROM LUXEMBURG, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WILL STOP AT OTHER EUROPEAN POINTS TO TAKE ON CARGO WHEN IT IS SIGNIFICANT. WE WOULD THEREFORE STRONGLY SUGGEST AS A FIRST PREFERENCE, SHIPPING THE TERMINAL TO
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FRANKFRUT BY MAC, WITH ONWARD SHIPMENT BY CARGOLUX. IF CARGOLUX WILL NOT STOP IN FRANKFURT, WE SUGGEST SHIPMENT TO LUXEMBURG BY MAC IF FEASIBLE OR TRANSHIPMENT FROM FRANKFURT TO LUXEMBURG BY TRUCK. (FYI, BRITISH EMBASSY RECENTLY BROUGHT IN RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE BY THIS LATTER ROUTE).

4. IF SHIPMENT BY AIR NOT FEASIBLE, SUGGEST LOOKING INTO SHIPMENT

ON ONE OF THE LYKES LINES SHIPS NOW CALLING AT MOGADISCIO WITH AID PL-480 FOOD CARGOS UNDER TITLE II AGREEMENT. LYKES SAILS FROM NEW ORLEANS AND MAKES TRIP DIRECT TO MOGADISCIO IN APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS. SINCE THESE SHIPS CARRY FOOD AID, SOMALIS ACCORD PRIORITY FOR BERTHING AT NEW PORT FACILITY, WHICH OBVIATES POSSIBILITY THAT CARGO WOULD BE UNLOADED ONTO LIGHTERS IN OLD PORT. SUGGEST DEPT CHECK WITH AID TO DETERMINE SAILING DATES OF SHIPS (LYKES OR OTHER LINES) CARRYING PL-480 CARGO TO MOGADISCIO. AS THESE SAILINGS WILL NOT BE CONTINUED INDEFINITELY, REQUEST DEPT MOVE QUICKLY TO INSURE THAT TERMINAL WILL CATCH EARLIEST POSSIBLE SAILING IN EVENT SHIPMENT BY AIR AS SUGGESTED ABOVE IS NOT FEASIBLE.

5. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES NO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING CUSTOMS CLEARANCE.
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